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PATENT Docket No. GC647-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of	
Rodriguez et al.) Group Art Unit: 1627
Serial No. 10/008,620	Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: December 4, 2001))
For: Method for Generating a Library of Mutant Oligonucleotides Using the Linear Cyclic Amplification)))

Preliminary Amendment

Box Sequence Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 39, insert pages 1-3 enclosed herewith.

On page 31, please replace the paragraph starting on line 30 with the following:

Using these primers, libraries were generated from the target oxidase gene. The following examples show the specific sequences used in four separate reactions to generate the single and multiple mutants (only the forward primer sequence was given):

EXPERIMENT #1: Single-amino acid saturation primer:

5'-3' TAC CAT GAC CAT GCC NNS TCC ATC ACC GCC GAG (SEQ ID

NO:1)

EXPERIMENT #2

Contiguous double amino acid saturation primer: